

Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 LONDON 06806 01 OF 02 262213Z
ACTION SS-25

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SSO-00 /026 W
-----262226Z 001258 /12

O R 262309Z APR 77
FM AMEMBASSY LONDON
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 3105
INFO AMEMBASSY PARIS
AMEMBASSY BONN
AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE
AMEMBASSY BRASILIA
AMEMBASSY TOKYO
USMISSION IAEA VIENNA

S E C R E T SECTION 01 OF 02 LONDON 06806

EXDIS

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1
TAGS: PARM, TECH, MNUC, UK
SUBJECT: NUCLEAR SUPPLIERS BILATERAL WITH UK

1. U.S. DEL LED BY NYE MET WITH UK DEL LED BY PATRICK MOBERLY TO DISCUSS UPCOMING NSG MEETING AGENDA, U.S. PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE PROGRAM (INFCEP) AND U.S. POLICY ON REPROCESSING. UK AGREED THAT IN VIEW OF U.S. POLICY DISCUSSION, SECOND MEETING WOULD PROBABLY BE NECESSARY TO FINALIZE GUIDELINES. LAST WEEK IN JUNE WAS SELECTED AS POSSIBLE DATE.

2. ON NSG AGENDA, U.S. DEL EXPLAINED NEW U.S. POLICY ON COMPREHENSIVE SAFEGUARDS FOR NEW AGREEMENTS AND THAT U.S. WOULD SUPPORT BRITISH FORMULATION OF FULL SCOPE IN MULTILATERAL MEETING. WE POINTED OUT NEED TO AVOID ISOLATING FRENCH ON THIS ISSUE WHILE PRESSING STRONGLY FOR CONSENSUS ON COMPREHENSIVE SAFEGUARDS FORMULATION. UK

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 LONDON 06806 01 OF 02 262213Z

SAID THAT THEY BELIEVED BOTH FRG AND JAPAN LESS INCLINED TO MOVE IN THIS DIRECTION WITHOUT FRENCH. WHEN PRESSED, UK INDICATED SIMILAR RESERVATION. U.S. SUGGESTED THAT UK CONSIDER UNILATERALLY ASSUMING A COMPREHENSIVE SAFEGUARDS POLICY ALONG LINE OF U.S. POLICY.

3. MODIFICATION OF NSG GUIDELINES TO CALL FOR MANDATORY

SUPPLIER CONSENT FOR REPROCESSING OR ALTERATION OF SPENT FUEL ALSO DISCUSSED. UK SUGGESTED TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP TO WORK OUT PROCEDURES FOR IMPLEMENTING SUCH CONDITIONS AS WELL AS OTHER GUIDELINES (E.G. RETRANSFER PROVISIONS) CALLING FOR SUPPLIER CONSENT TO FOCUS ON HOW TO RESOLVE MULTIPLE SUPPLIER INVOLVEMENT QUESTIONS AND PROBLEMS OF PURSUIT OF SUPPLIER MATERIALS THROUGH FUEL CYCLE.

4. ON SANCTIONS, BOTH DELS AGREED THAT COLLECTIVE APPROACH WOULD PROBABLY BE RESISTED BY SOME DELEGATIONS, PARTICULARLY FRENCH. UNILATERAL STATEMENTS, E.G. TO TERMINATE COOPERATION IN EVENT OF VIOLATION OF A SAFE-GUARDS AGREEMENT OR IN EVENT OF A NUCLEAR EXPLOSION BY A NNWS, MIGHT BE ALTERNATIVE.

5. DELEGATIONS DISCUSSED HOW BEST TO ENSURE CONTINUATION OF DE FACTO MORATORIUM ON TRANSFERS OF SENSITIVE NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY. WHILE CONTINUING TO EXPRESS RESERVATIONS ABOUT COLLECTIVE SUPPLIER ANNOUNCEMENT OF MORATORIUM BECAUSE OF LDC REACTIONS, MOBERLY INDICATED THAT UK WOULD CONSIDER ISSUING NATIONAL POLICY STATEMENT ALONG LINES PARALLEL TO U.S. AND FRENCH STATEMENTS, FOR EXAMPLE ON OCCASION OF FONSEC OWEN'S MAY 19 CHATHAM HOUSE LECTURE ON NON-PROLIFERATION.

6. ON BRAZIL, NYE NOTED THAT U.S. WAS DISAPPOINTED WITH FRG ISSUANCE OF INITIAL EXPORT LICENSEE BUT THAT FRG ASSURED U.S. THAT ACTION WAS NOT IRREVERSIBLE AND
SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 03 LONDON 06806 01 OF 02 262213Z

COVERED OPENLY AVAILABLE INFORMATION. HE CONFIRMED THAT U.S. WOULD CONTINUE TO PURSUE ITS NON-PROLIFERATION OBJECTIVES IN BRAZIL AND EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR UK SUPPORT IN DEFERRING URENCO DECISION ON NUCLEAR FUEL SUPPLY TO BRAZIL. HE REQUESTED CONTINUED DEFERRAL PENDING FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS WITH FRG AND GOB. MOBERLY INDICATED THAT FRG WAS ANXIOUS FOR EARLY URENCO APPROVAL, AND DUTCH MAY PREFER TO REACH DECISION BEFORE MAY 25 ELECTIONS AND ENSUING UNSETTLED PERIOD IN DUTCH POLITICS. URENCO MINISTERS ARE NEXT SCHEDULED TO MEET ON MAY 3. ALTHOUGH CONTINUED UK SUPPORT FOR DEFERRAL OF URENCO DECISION WOULD CARRY SOME POLITICAL COST VIS-A-VIS FRG, MOBERLY INDICATED UK WOULD DO ITS BEST TO BE HELPFUL. HE FURTHER AGREED TO CONSULT WITH U.S., FOLLOWING PRESIDENT'S SUMMIT TALKS WITH SCHMIDT, TO DETERMINE TO WHAT EXTENT FURTHER DELAYS WOULD ASSIST EFFORTS TO FORESTALL SENSITIVE NUCLEAR PROJECTS IN BRAZIL.

7. IN RESPONSE TO MOBERLY QUESTION ABOUT U.S. DECISION

ON MB-L0 POLICY AND IMPLICATIONS FOR UK REPROCESSING

SECRET

NNN

SECRET

PAGE 01 LONDON 06806 02 OF 02 262210Z
ACTION SS-25

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SSO-00 /026 W
-----262227Z 001217 /12

O R 262309Z APR 77
FM AMEMBASSY LONDON
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 3106
INFO AMEMBASSY PARIS
AMEMBASSY BONN
AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE
AMEMBASSY BRASILIA
AMEMBASSY TOKYO
USMISSION IAEA VIENNA

S E C R E T SECTION 02 OF 02 LONDON 06806

EXDIS

PLANT AT WINDSCALE, NYE CONVEYED PRESIDENTIAL DECISION TO
LIMIT REPROCESSING APPROVALS OF U.S.-DERIVED FUEL ON
CASE-BY-CASE BASIS AND ONLY UNDER CONDITIONS OF CLEAR
NEED (SUCH AS CONGESTED STORAGE POOLS). HE EXPLAINED
WHY IT WAS POLITICALLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR U.S. TO DECIDE
TO SUPPORT FOREIGN REPROCESSING OF U.S.-DERIVED FUEL
WHILE INDEFINITELY DEFERRING DOMESTIC REPROCESSING.
UK SIDE UNDERSTOOD BASIS OF U.S. DECISION BUT EXPRESSED
SERIOUS CONCERN ABOUT COMMERCIAL COST TO UK, WHICH
DEPENDED ON LONG-TERM REPROCESSING CONTRACTS ALREADY
NEGOTIATED WITH JAPAN. UK MINISTERS WOULD HAVE TO
CONSIDER IMPACT ON WINDSCALE IN LIGHT OF U.S. DECISION.
FYI. IT IS LIKELY THAT UK WILL PURSUE ISSUE THROUGH ITS
EMBASSY AND AT LONDON SUMMIT. END FYI.

8. ON EXPANSION OF SUPPLIERS GROUP, UK SUGGESTED POSSI-
BLE PHASING ALONG FOLLOWING LINES: (A) AGREEMENT ON GUIDE
LINES, (B) DECISION TO PUBLISH, (C) APPROACH TO SELECTED
COUNTRIES PRIOR TO PUBLICATION DATE, AND (D) OPENING
SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 LONDON 06806 02 OF 02 262210Z

LONDON GROUP TO ALL COUNTRIES WILLING TO ACCEPT UPGRADED
GUIDELINES FOLLOWING PUBLICATION. REMAINING MEMBERS OF
ZANGGER COMMITTEE COULD BE INVITED TO JOIN IMMEDIATELY;
KEY COUNTRIES LIKE BRAZIL, IRAN AND INDIA COULD BE
APPROACHED BEFORE PUBLICATION OF GUIDELINES. BOTH SIDES
AGREED INFCEP COULD PROCEED ON PARALLEL TRACK TO
EXPANDED SUPPLIERS GROUP.

SPIERS

SECRET

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: NUCLEAR ENERGY, MEETING AGENDA, DIPLOMATIC DISCUSSIONS, NUCLEAR FUELS, VENDORS, MEETING REPORTS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 26-Apr-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 22 May 2009
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977LONDON06806
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: X1
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770145-0875
Format: TEL
From: LONDON
Handling Restrictions:
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770419/aaaaapzt.tel
Line Count: 183
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 55911c9f-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION SS
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 4
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 22-Nov-2004 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2693107
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: NUCLEAR SUPPLIERS BILATERAL WITH UK
TAGS: PARM, TECH, MNUC, UK, US, (NYE, JOSEPH), (MOBERLY, PATRICK)
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odhc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/55911c9f-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009